

**Virginia OEMS
Communications Committee
Quarterly Meeting
Richmond Marriott West Hotel
Richmond, VA
Feb 9th, 2007
9:00 A.M.**

Attendance: **Members:** Gary Critzer; Ken Crumpler; Emily Totten; Doug Young, Connie Purvis, Pokey Harris

Members - Teleconference: Richard Rubino, John Hudson, Bob Bruch

Guests: Jim Nogle, Karen Owens, Frank Cheatham, Wanda Street, Bill Bullock

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Call to Order – Gary Critzer	Committee Chair, Gary Critzer called the meeting to order @ 09:10 hrs. Mr. Critzer announced all committee members should have received the minutes from the previous meeting and called for any discussion on the minutes as presented, hearing none the request was made to approve the minutes as delivered.	A motion was made by Mr. Rubino to accept the minutes as delivered, Ms. Totten seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes with no further discussion
Committee Chair report – Gary Critzer	Mr. Critzer reported two bills in the Virginia General Assembly dealing with public safety telecommunications. One is the “In-Building Communications” thru Dept. of Housing & Community Development and the Multi-Line Telephone Bills dealing with E 9-1-1 Automatic Location Identifiers in multi-line telephone systems. This bill has passed the Virginia House of Representatives and is in committee in the Virginia Senate. A vendor claims the technology is not available to make this possible. Mr. Critzer questioned this as he states other vendors are providing this capability at this time. Mr. Critzer stated the legislative information is available thru the e-mail updates provided by OEMS Director Mr. Gary Brown	(The legislation items discussed are HB-1603 and HB-2554)
OEMS Communications Coordinators report – Ken Crumpler	Mr. Crumpler introduced new OEMS employees, Ms. Wanda Street, Secretary Senior, Emergency Operations Branch, OEMS; Mr. Frank Cheatham, Health & Medical Emergency Response Team Coordinator, Emergency Operations Branch, OEMS. Mr. Crumpler provided the 2007 EMS Symposium Communications Track; <u>CISM For Communication</u> – Ms. Carol Morrow, OEMS <u>Emergency Medical Dispatch Training Class</u> , Ms. Karen Hileman, Hanover Co. 9-1-1 <u>Emergency Medical Dispatch Today</u> , Dr. Jeff Clawson, Priority Dispatch <u>Homeland Security for PSAP’s</u> , Mr. Terry Hall, York Co. 9-1-1 <u>9-1-1 Emerging Technologies</u> , Mr. Terry Hall, York Co. 9-1-1 <u>FCC Narrowbanding Mandate</u> , Mr. David Warner, Virginia Information Technology Agency, Public Safety Communications Division (Mr. Crumpler will be the co-instructor for this class)	

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	<u>Virginia Interoperability Update</u> , Mr. Chris Essid, Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator <u>Handling Suicide & Domestic Violence Calls</u> , Mr. George Deucher, Powerphone Inc.	
Old business -	<p>Mr. Crumpler reported regarding the Virginia EMS Communications Directory. Mr. Crumpler met w/DGS Graphic Communications Dept the previous day. The binder will be 8.5" X 11" (previous discussion had the binder at a smaller size). Content is ready, awaiting final cover design approval from VDH. Expect to have printed copies available in 45 days. Initial printing will be 5000 copies costing approx. \$30,000. A copy will be available for every licensed EMS vehicle and PSAP. The content will be available for download or print (as a PDF file) on the OEMS website. Edits and updates are to be submitted to emscomms@vdh.virginia.gov. It will be printed on standard stock paper. Mr. Bruch requested a copy of the draft be e-mailed to members for review.</p> <p>Mr. Young asked the status on the effort to provide portable radios programmed with VHF High 155.205MHz to licensed DERA EMS Agencies. Mr. Critzer stated the funding source is still to be identified. Mr. Crumpler is to identify agencies already holding license for VHF Highband as those already have the means to transmit and receive on 155.205MHz. VITA stated a large order should not be a problem to fill. Mr. Crumpler reported a discussion with OEMS Emergency Ops Branch Chief. Jim Nogle stated these should be distributed on a regional basis. One radio would also be provided to the jurisdiction to be assigned at their discretion. Ms. Purvis stated some agencies and jurisdictions may still hold license for the frequency band but not possess any equipment. Mr. Critzer asked if RSAF funds be available if jurisdictions desired to have base station on this frequency and did not possess the equipment and if these base stations would fall under the Commonwealth of Virginia license. Mr. Crumpler stated he would need to speak w/VITA regarding the licensure issue and OEMS Grants office would need to decide regarding funding. Mr. Hudson discussed potential issues w/high power base station and the need to designate a predetermined PL tone to avoid issues with interference. Ms. Purvis questioned if area hospitals would be included in the program to distribute radios. Mr. Crumpler stated it was not in the original plan to provide these to hospitals as there are communication plans in place for EMS – Hospital comms. Mr. Critzer stated questioned if state funding would be available to provide equips for the hospitals as would be for PSAP's. Mr. Crumpler stated that may be an issue as many hospitals are "for profit" facilities making them ineligible for RSAF funding.</p>	
New Business -	Amherst Co. PSAP Accreditation Application – Mr. Critzer asked for comment review. Ms. Purvis stated Amherst Co. had worked hard to meet the accreditation standard. Mr. Crumpler complimented Amherst Co. for their professionalism and preparedness.	A motion was made by Ms. Purvis to approve the Amherst Co. application as submitted. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the application with no further discussion.

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	<p>Wise Co. PSAP Accreditation Application – Mr. Critzer asked for comment review. Ms. Harris stated Wise Co. is anticipating the accreditation. Mr. Crumpler complimented Wise Co. for their communications with the office, documentation and preparedness.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer stated the applications from Amherst Co., Wise Co. and Hanover Co. (carried over from the November meeting) would be presented to the State EMS Advisory Board meeting @ 13:00 hrs.</p> <p>Mr. Crumpler reported he visited City of Danville 9-1-1 for the two year renewal of the OEMS PSAP Accreditation. He complimented Mr. Doug Young and his assistant, Mr. Chris Goss for their preparedness and documentation. Danville 9-1-1 Accreditation has been renewed for two years.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer requested as soon as dates are determined to make the presentations at the accredited sites, that information be forward to the committee to determine attendance by committee members.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Ms. Harris to approve the Wise Co. application as submitted. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the application with no further discussion.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	None	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.	